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THE RAPID SOULS BEHIND YOUR FAVORITE RELEASES!

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he just pr[illegible]r for a thousand nights?! EHEM! What stamina!

- Lacaille

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OUR GOALS ARE THE SAME
FRIENDS, FOES AND MY DESIRES
WHEN THIS BLADE IS DYED CRIMSON,
YOU WILL BE CALLED THE HERO WHO CHANGED THIS COUNTRY.
IS AWAITING ME ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THESE DOORS
KA
E
CR
TAKE A DEEP BREATH
RIGHT AT THIS MOMENT THE KING

Come on, come on!
EVERYONE, LOOK THIS WAY, STEP THIS W..Y!
IT CAN'T BE HELPED THAT'LL BE ALL FOR TODAY—
SO I SEE
THE EVENING MEETING IS ABOUT TO START
LEAVE THE REST TO THE SERVANTS AND LET'S GO.

Cut clear the way to the world you wish for with your own hands..!

Brave Girl Story

ABEL DARIUS

Looking forward to your impression!

ONDA SHIDZURU

The kingdom of Nadal, the largest slave market Denan Lutarka
The fate of every slave here is
to be sold and work for the buyer
BORN AS A SLAVE, ACTING AS A SLAVE
MY NAME IS ADELE
I'M NOT BEING SOLD BECAUSE I WANT TO BE.
Beat!
CLA
NG
A LIMITED SALE ON WOMEN SLAVES!
PRICES FROM THREE COPPER COINS APIECE!
Move!
Shove
CAN'T YOU LOOK A LITTLE CUTER?
Someone has to say you.
THE YOUNG MAN OVER THERE, WON'T YOU COME HAVE A LOOK?

Hey
ADELE,
DID YOU HEAR THE RUMORS ABOUT THIS CAPITAL?
THIS GIRL IS MAHAL
THE KING WHO LIVES OVER THERE...
SHE LOOKS UNHEALTHY AND BUYERS STAY AWAY FROM HER.
I ALSO NEVER GET BOUGHT, SO THE TWO OF US ARE GOING AROUND THE SLAVE MARKETS OF THE WHOLE COUNTRY.
SEEMS TO BE CALLED
"THE KING OF CRUELTY."
C-CRUELTY ...?
What's that about?
AND ALL WOMEN BECOME HAREM SLAVES. EVERY NIGHT, HE CALLS ONE OF THEM INTO HIS BEDCHAMBERS.
IF A SLAVE HE BOUGHT IS A MAN, HE IS WORKED TO DEATH IN WASTELAND RECLAMATION.
AND EXECUTES HER IN THE MORNING.

!
OWNER,
HOW MUCH FOR THIS?
THREE?!
ALTHOUGH SHE'S SO LANKY AND FRAIL?!
Lower the price.
THREE COPPER COINS
Oh,
MAKING SURE HE HAS ENOUGH STAFF THAT'S WHAT THE MERCHANT TOLD ME—
SO YOU HAD A FEW GOOD ONES!
Eeek!
EXECUTES?!
THAT'S WHY HE'S PERIODICALLY OUT TO THE MARKET, BUYING NEW SLAVES.
YANK
WAIT A—
THEN WHY DON'T WE CHECK THIS?
IT'S JUST THAT HER CLOTHES ARE TOO BAGGY
THAT'S NOT TRUE!
GRAB
DON'T YOU DARE...
...TOUCH MAHAL!

My secret hideout

It's a prefabricated little room. When I was in two-year junior college, I needed a place to store my luggage and so we got this room with some friends when we made a school club for making ball-jointed dolls. But it didn't have air conditioning. It was an extremely rundown dark little room where you could see the cockroaches crawl in the gaps between the floor boards. However, everyone went there first thing after arriving to school, we skipped classes and even made parties there, so by the time we graduated, it had become like our second home.

At the same time we graduated, it was demolished in order to build a new school there.

Even now, that run down building is my heart's power-spot. We made dolls, too, in the way! Although it was mostly partying.

♥ Mom ♥
♥ Dorian
My supervisor ♥

Thank you very much!

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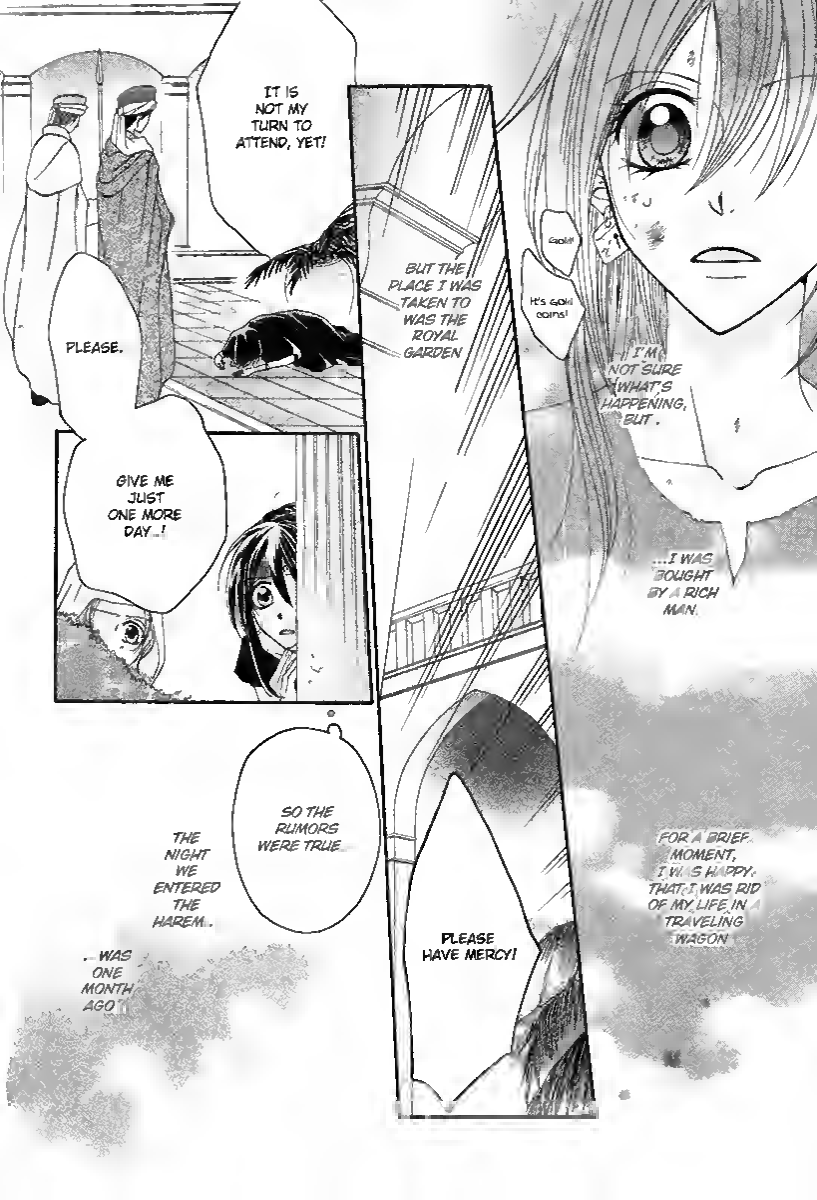

IT IS NOT MY TURN TO ATTEND, YET!
PLEASE.
GIVE ME JUST ONE MORE DAY..!
BUT THE PLACE I WAS TAKEN TO WAS THE ROYAL GARDEN
Gold!
It's gold coins!
I'M NOT SURE WHAT'S HAPPENING, BUT.
...I WAS BOUGHT BY A RICH MAN.
FOR A BRIEF MOMENT, I WAS HAPPY. THAT I WAS RID OF MY LIFE IN A TRAVELING WAGON
PLEASE HAVE MERCY!
SO THE RUMORS WERE TRUE...
THE NIGHT WE ENTERED THE HAREM..
..WAS ONE MONTH AGO.

GIVE UP
MY OLDER BROTHER'S ORDERS ARE ABSOLUTE
EVEN I CANNOT OPPOSE HIM
WHO'S THAT MAN...?
He's not the man who usually comes to collect the women.
HE'S PRINCE CYRUS, THE KING'S YOUNGER HALF-BROTHER
SOMETIMES KING DARIUS ASKS HIM TO COME AND COLLECT THE GIRL WHOSE TURN IT IS
MAHAL WAS SEPARATED FROM ME AND CALLED TO THE KING'S BEDCHAMBER. SHE NEVER RETURNED.
IT'S A HORRIBLE THOUGHT, BUT I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO ACCEPT THAT THE KING EXECUTED HER.
THE PRETTY CLOTHES...
...AND THE LUXURIOUS SURROUNDING
EXCUSE ME!
Yank
TAKE HER AND GO
WHAT A WASTE

COULD YOU PLEASE GIVE TONIGHT'S TURN...
IT'S LUXURY FOR THOSE PROMISED DEATH...
ARE YOU A NEWCOMER?
DON'T YOU KNOW THE KING'S NICKNAME?
IF MY FUTURE WILL BE THE SAME ANYWAY...
...TO ME?
...THEN THERE'S NO POINT IN RUNNING

YOU HAVE A GOOD LOOK IN YOUR EYES
Step
COME WITH ME.
LET US TALK FOR A MINUTE
LET'S BREAK THROUGH THE FIRST OBSTACLE
SO THAT THERE ARE NO NEW VICTIMS...
AND FOR MAHAL'S REVENGE
WATCH ME DO THIS ..!
Creeeak
EXCUSE ME.
ADELE CARDINA, COMING FROM THE HAREM

I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU.
GOOD EVENING.
THIS MAN IS THE "KING OF CRUELTY"
I AM DARIUS LIRBA AKSRUM JERUHAN TAEL...
IT'S A LONG, BOTHERSOME NAME, SO JUST DARIUS IS FINE
Nice to meet you
HE'S WAY MORE DELICATE THAN I IMAGINED HIM...
And young, too.
CLOSE
JUMP
WHERE EXACTLY IS THE CRUELTY?!
Where is the dignity?!

I HEARD YOU TRADED TURNS WITH ANOTHER GIRL?
DID YOU WANT TO MEET ME THAT BADLY?
WHY NOT CHANGE ALL THIS?
..THIS WHOLE COUNTRY?
I, TOO, AM TIRED OF WATCHING YOU GIRLS WALK TO YOUR EXECUTION.
Thump!
OVERTHROW THE KING
THIS IS REVENGE
How about some wine?
..FOR MY FRIEND!
CLANG
AB
ST

SHOJ?
ANOTHER SCORPION
Over there.
LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE PUT IT UNDER MY BED.
SLAM
YOUR MAJESTY!
WHAT HAPPENED?!
HE'S...
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
YOU'RE NOT BITTEN?
YANK
SO?
No...
AH
WHY DO YOU PRETEND TO BE SO RELAXED AND AIRHEADED, YOU KING?!
HE'S INVINCIBLE!
Take care of it.
Yes!
Hey, come pick up this scorpion!

ABOUT THE "REVENGE FOR YOUR FRIEND?"
Flop
WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT?
AH.
UGH.
THAT ... IS...
THE NIGHT WILL BE LONG...
REVENGE FOR A FRIEND IS WHAT..
I HAVE TO DO MY BEST!
...THE STORY I'M GOING TO TELL YOU TONIGHT... IS ABOUT...
IF HE HAS NO WEAKNESSES, I WILL HAVE TO CREATE ONE!

Excitement
SHE RETURNED...
SHE...
YES, SHE'S A REAL HERO!
WHAT A HEROINE...
SHE RETURNED TO THE HAREM AFTER HER TURN TO ATTEND TO THE KING...
I KEPT TELLING FAIRY TALES WITHOUT STOPPING THE WHOLE NIGHT...
AND THEN THE HERO BAYAR TOOK THE SWORD OF THE MAGICIAN IFRIT...
GO FOR IT, BAYAR!
BUT THEN THE MAGICIAN IFRIT TRANSFORMED INTO THE HERO'S DEAD MOTHER AND...
Engrossed
DON'T LET HIM FOOL YOU, BAYAR!
PLEASE, LISTEN QUIETLY!
"SO SILENT..."
WAH!
WELCOME BACK, ADELE!
YOU'RE AMAZING!
YOU CAME BACK ALIVE FROM THE KING'S BEDCHAMBER!
HOW DID YOU MANAGE TO STAY ALIVE?!
Gya!
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME!
Gya!
I..
Gya!

ADELE, LET'S CELEBRATE YOUR STAYING ALIVE!
Wait
THANK—!?
Dong!
EVERYONE, PROSTRATE!
Dong!
Dong!
KING DARIUS IS PASSING!
Gulp

Peek
LAST NIGHT WAS SO ENJOYABLE THAT I LOST ALL SENSE OF TIME
COULD YOU COME AGAIN TONIGHT?
STEP
STEP
STEP
STEP
LIFT YOUR FACE,
ADELE
Bow
THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAISE!
YES..
YES!
Is this what you wanted to drop by for?
Yeah.
ALL RIGHT..
HE HASN'T FOUND OUT I'M AN ASSASSIN!

NO, TODAY IS THE DAY!
Gyahahahahaha!
THE TWO OF THEM LIVED HAPPILY EVER AFTER.
Sigh
WHAT A NICE STORY.
Nod nod
COULD YOU TELL IT AGAIN?
TODAY OF ALL DAYS, I HAVE TO CREATE AN OPENING!
THE SOLDIER ZELIKA SACRIFICED HIS OWN BODY TO PROTECT THE PRINCE
Oh, no!
WHAT A WASTE!
NO, TODAY I WILL!
WILL ZELIKA DIE?! WILL HE?!
WHAT IN THE WORLD AM I DOING...?
My tummy hurts!
Heeh!
HAHAHA!
JUST AS IT HAD BEEN PREDICTED, HE BECAME EMPEROR
AND THEN THE CROWN, TOGETHER WITH THE WIG, ROLLED TO THE FEET OF THE YOUNG MAN WHO HAD BEEN BULLIED BY HIS STEP-MOTHER AND OLDER BROTHERS.
MY JOB IS NOT TO ENTERTAIN THE KING
Ahahahahaha!
YOU'RE REALLY SOMETHING, ADELE
YOU KNOW SO MANY THINGS I DON'T KNOW.
FROM SAD STORIES TO AMAZINGLY FUNNY ANECDOTES.
If I remember it in the middle of a meeting, it'll be terrible.
AHH
THAT WAS FUNNY
I'VE NEVER LAUGHED SO HARD.

IT'S ALL THANKS TO YOU, ADELE
LATELY, THIS HAS BECOME MY FAVORITE TIME OF THE DAY
NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, EVERY DAY IS INTERESTING
Eek!
NO, I STILL HAVE A LOT TO TELL!
LEAVE IT FOR TOMORROW NIGHT
PULL
FLOP
YOU HAVE POCKETS UNDER YOUR EYES BECAUSE OF ME
SHOULD WE GET SOME SLEEP UNTIL MORNING?
Tha-
THAT'S TOO...
HE HAS SUCH A KIND SMILE AND WARM HANDS.
Oh, no!
I'M GETTING SLEEPY
IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE BEEN ON SUCH A SOFT MATTRESS
GOOD NIGHT.
THINGS ARE GOING OUT OF CONTROL.

DEJECTED
ANOTHER FAILURE TODAY...
IT'S GOOD THAT HE'S NOT EXECUTING ME LIKE THE OTHER GIRLS. BUT...
...I MUST HURRY OR ELSE...
I'M RUNNING OUT OF STORIES...
EVEN THOUGH HE'S THE MAN...
..WHO PROBABLY KILLED MY BEST FRIEND..
THERE YOU ARE.
HIS HIGHNESS YOUNGER BROTHER WILL.
Speaking of the devil...
!
YOUR HIGHNESS...
BE QUIET
THE HAREM IS OFF LIMITS TO EVERYONE BUT HIS MAJESTY THE KING.

LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE STRUGGLING.
Hand
I'M SORRY.
I CAN'T FIND ANY OPENING...
THIS IS A VOLATILE TRANQUILIZER.
IF YOU MOISTEN A CLOTH WITH IT AND PRESS IT TO HIS NOSE,
EVEN THE INVINCIBLE KING WILL BE NO MATCH FOR YOU
IT WAS VERY HARD TO OBTAIN.
BY TOMORROW MORNING IT WILL HAVE OXIDATED AND ITS EFFECT WILL WEAKEN.
AT DAWN...
I'LL BE WAITING FOR THE GOOD NEWS IN THE WESTERN TOWER.
MY DEADLINE IS TOMORROW.
Squeeze
IF I DON'T DO AWAY WITH THE KING TONIGHT...

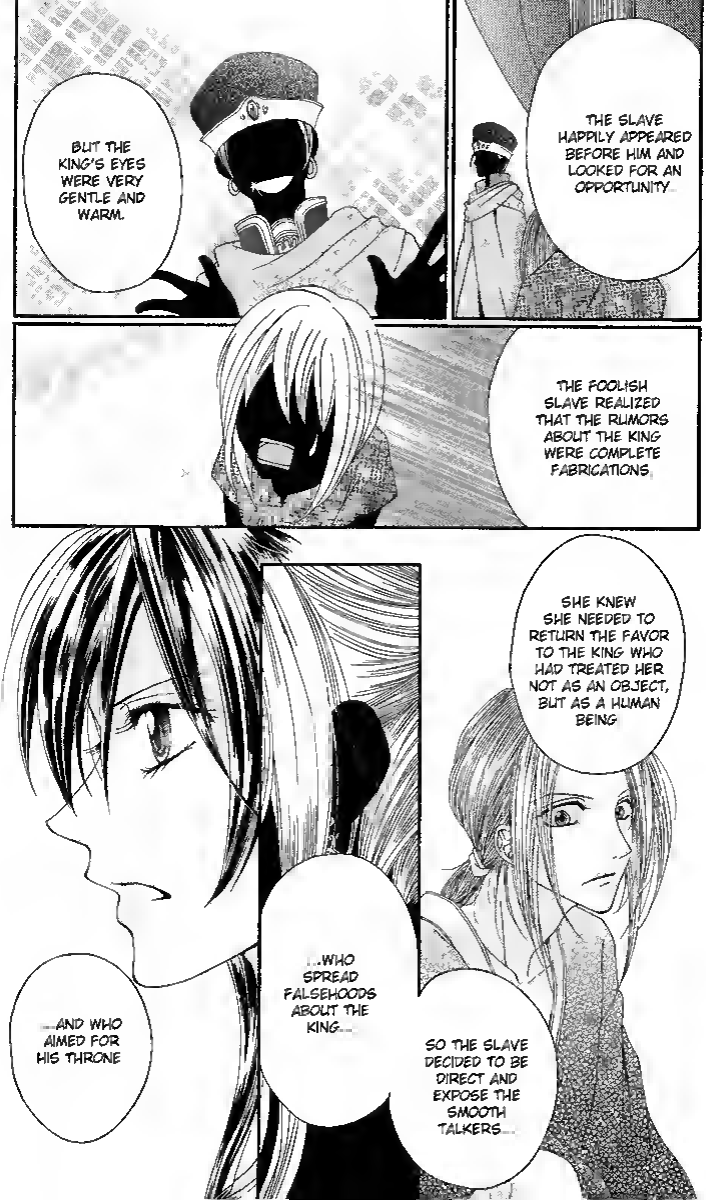
I'M SORRY...
Oh
I'M NOT USED TO THESE LONG SLEEVES
I STEP ON THEM AND FALL ALL THE TIME—
There you go.
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
ORIGINALLY, THIS WAS MY TARGET...
GYAH!
I shouldn't
WHY AM I HESITATING?
Crash
!
ADELE!
EH..?
MA...
MAHAL..?
I WANTED TO MEET YOU, ADELE.
WATCH OUT FOR PRINCE CYRUS.
What
WHAT IS HAPPENING?
DIDN'T THE KING EXECUTE YOU...?
KEEP IT A SECRET FROM EVERYONE THAT I'M STILL ALIVE!
QUIET, ADELE!
MA...
MAH—
EEEEEEEEEH?!
Mmmm!

A KING AIMING TO ABOLISH SLAVERY IS BOUND TO BE OPPOSED.
RIGHT NOW, THE COURT IS DIVIDED INTO SUPPORTERS OF THE PRESENT KING DARIUS AND SUPPORTERS OF HIS YOUNGER BROTHER, PRINCE CYRUS.
SO HE CAN'T CLOSE DOWN THE SLAVE MARKET WHICH IS UNDER THE THUMB OF THE CYRUS FRACTION.
THAT'S WHY THE KING BUYS SUCH GREAT NUMBER OF SLAVES FROM THAT MARKET AND SECRETLY GIVES THEM THE STATUS OF FREE CITIZENS.
HE SETS US FREE IN REMOTE REGIONS NEAR THE BORDERS,
WHERE NOBODY KNOWS US.
...LIVE IN REMOTE AREAS
THOSE LIKE ME WHO ARE NOT SUITED FOR LONG JOURNEYS LIVE HERE, AT COURT, AS MAIDS
THEN... THE GIRLS CALLED TO ATTEND TO HIM...

ADELE.
LATELY, I'VE BEEN HEARING STORIES ABOUT YOUR BRAVERY.
SO WHAT DO YOU SAY?
WOULD YOU BE HIS MAJESTY'S ALLY?
THE "KING OF CRUELTY" IS A FALSE RUMOR THAT PRINCE CYRUS INVENTED.
HE TOLD EVERYONE THAT HIS MAJESTY KING DARIUS TREATS SLAVES LIKE OBJECTS AND EXECUTES THEM.
HE CRITICIZES HIS OLDER BROTHER, GAINS THE SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLE AND AIMS FOR THE THRONE.

I COULDN'T FIND SOMETHING I WAS LOOKING FOR.
ADELE.
SORRY I'VE MADE YOU WAIT.
Clink
WHAT WERE YOU LOOKING FOR?
Well
THIS.
A necklace.
I RECEIVED IT FROM MY MOTHER
I CAN'T ACCEPT SUCH AN EXPENSIVE THING!
Gwah
IT'S FINE, JUST TAKE IT.
SHE PASSED AWAY A LONG TIME AGO, SO I ONLY HAVE A VAGUE MEMORY OF HER.
BUT SHE WAS BORN AS A SLAVE IN THE HAREM, TOO.
WHEN I SAW YOU HITTING THAT MERCHANT AT THE SLAVE MARKET, I COULDN'T HELP THINKING YOU RESEMBLE MY MOTHER
SHE WAS SPIRITED, UNYIELDING AND CONSIDERATE OF HER FRIENDS.
THAT'S WHY I'M GIVING YOU THIS.

SO,
WHAT STORY WILL YOU TELL ME TONIGHT?
IT SUITS YOU VERY MUCH
TONIGHT...
I WILL TELL YOU ABOUT A CERTAIN IMPERIAL COURT.
ONE DAY,
ONE SLAVE WHO WAS VERY ANGRY BECAUSE THE KING HAD KILLED HER FRIEND, WAS OFFERED A WAY TO ASSASSINATE THE KING.
IN THAT COUNTRY, SLAVE TRADING WAS BLOOMING.
THE KING, WHO BOUGHT SLAVES AND EXECUTED THEM,
WAS CALLED THE INCARNATION OF ALL THAT IS IN


BUT THE KING'S EYES WERE VERY GENTLE AND WARM.
THE SLAVE HAPPILY APPEARED BEFORE HIM AND LOOKED FOR AN OPPORTUNITY.
THE FOOLISH SLAVE REALIZED THAT THE RUMORS ABOUT THE KING WERE COMPLETE FABRICATIONS.
SHE KNEW SHE NEEDED TO RETURN THE FAVOR TO THE KING WHO HAD TREATED HER NOT AS AN OBJECT, BUT AS A HUMAN BEING.
...AND WHO AIMED FOR HIS THRONE
...WHO SPREAD FALSEHOODS ABOUT THE KING...
SO THE SLAVE DECIDED TO BE DIRECT AND EXPOSE THE SMOOTH TALKERS...

THAT'S WHY, SINCE IT DOESN'T SEEM AS IF I WILL BE OUT OF HERE BEFORE MORNING AT THIS RATE,
I'LL HAVE TO ASK YOU TO GO TO SLEEP NOW, YOUR MAJESTY
WHAT ?
EH ...
WHAT THE ...?
DROP
WHY DIDN'T I NOTICE IT BEFORE?
IF I HAD ONLY TRIED, IT SHOULD H'VE BEEN EASY TO SEE.
THERE'S ... NO TURNING BACK NOW
NOT THAT I'D WANT TO TURN BACK
I SHOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO TELL WHAT WAS THE TRUTH AND WHAT WAS A LIE

YOU FINISHED QUITE QUICKLY.
THE RULE WILL PASS TO ME TODAY.
YES ..
YOU FINISHED EVERYTHING IN ONE BLOW AND CAME STRAIGHT HERE?
HERE'S A TOAST TO THAT.
YOU DRINK, TOO.
BANG
WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS?
WERE YOU MOVED BY HIS KINDNESS OR SOMETHING?
SCREECH

WHAT A RELIABLE BODYGUARD
BUT UNFORTUNATELY
I WAS AN IDIOT FOR SWALLOWING YOUR LIES AND NOT EVEN TRYING TO SEE THE TRUTH!
THE CROWN DOESN'T SUIT A MAN WHO AIMS FOR THE THRONE ONLY OUT OF SELF INTEREST!
...YOUR FATE WAS SEALED...
...THE MOMENT YOU HEARD ABOUT THE REGICIDE PLOT.

WHO WOULD EVEN BOTHER ABOUT A SLAVE'S LIFE?
YOU... WERE PLANNING TO SILENCE ME RIGHT FROM THE START?!
THERE ARE PLENTY OF OTHER REPLACEMENTS.
I CAN'T TAKE THIS...
DID YOU HEAR THIS EVERYONE?
I CAN'T BE KILLED BY SUCH A MAN..!!!
NEXT TIME I'LL CHOOSE A SMARTER SLAVE...
...AND KILL MY BROTHER
YOU ARE ALL MY WITNESSES.

LEADER OF THE COUP D'ETAT, CYRUS ZLIBADA, AND ALL OF HIS FOLLOWERS AND SUPPORTERS.
YOU ARE ARRESTED FOR TREASON.
CAPTURE ALL OF THEM, WITH NO EXCEPTION!
Wah!

CHOOSE.
WILL IT BE A LIFETIME OF SOLITARY CONFINEMENT...
"THE KING OF CRUELTY."
IT FELT KIND OF GOOD TO CARRY THE NICKNAME YOU GAVE ME.
CYRUS.
STAB
BIG...
BROTHE—

Drop
YOU WILL HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO THINK
IN YOUR PRISON CELL.
...OR LOSING YOUR BIRTH PRIVILEGES AND NATIONALITY AND SPENDING THE REST OF YOUR LIFE AS AN EXILE?
YOUR MAJ—
Ahhh. SO TIRED.
I'M STILL FEELING FAINT.
Even though I was only pretending to pass out
Roll

I'M GRATEFUL TO YOU, ADELE.
HE NEVER LEFT ANY PROOF FOR ME TO USE
NOW I FINALLY MANAGED TO CATCH HIM IN THE ACT OF COMMITTING A CRIME.
I'M GLAD I WAS ON TIME.
EVEN IF YOU HAD SUCCEEDED IN MY ASSASSINATION, HE WOULD HAVE STILL SILENCED YOU
SORRY I INVOLVED YOU IN SOMETHING SO DANGEROUS.
I USED YOU, TOO, IN ORDER TO CATCH CYRUS
DO NG
Gasp
Yeah
YOU KNEW THAT I WAS AN ASSASSIN ?!
FROM THE MOMENT YOU EXCHANGED TURNS
FROM BEFORE WE MET
HOWEVER...

I LIKED THE STRAIGHTFORWARD LOOK IN YOUR EYES,
CHANGING A LITTLE EVERY NIGHT WE MET, KNOWING NO FEAR AND NO EMPTY FLATTERY.
I SHOULD HAVE BEEN ON MY GUARD AGAINST YOU, BUT I COMPLETELY FELL INTO A DAZE
WERE MY STORIES THAT INTERESTING..?
I'm blushing
SHOCK
ANYWAY, IT'S A SHAME TO TALK ABOUT IT IN THIS SITUATION, SO I'LL SEE YOU AGAIN TONIGHT.
EHM... THEM TOO
YOUNG MASTER! HERE'S THE ANTIDOTE!!!
Stampede
Eek!
ADELE...
CAN YOU SEE IT?
Creak

RIGHT NOW, THIS COUNTRY...
...IS TURNING INTO A PEACEFUL KINGDOM OUT OF A FAIRY TALE.

YES.
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THAT.
SIGHHHHH
ADELE...
SORRY FOR BEING SO LATE...
OPEN
THE MILITARY CONFERENCE LASTED LONGER THAN I EXPECTED

HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT I HIT THAT MERCHANT AT THE SLAVE MARKET?
EH—DID I SAY SOMETHING FUNNY?
PFFT.
YOUR MAJESTY—!
EH?
WHAT'S WITH THAT STIFF EXPRESSION?
SOMETHING HAS BEEN BOTHERING ME...
WHAT A PROBLEM.
THERE ARE TOO MANY THINGS I WANT TO TELL YOU.
SO MANY THAT EVEN A THOUSAND NIGHTS WILL NOT BE ENOUGH
THE END

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